1998 National Youth Gang Center Survey
Long Form Variables

sl: (text, C3) a three-digit code for the **survey level**.

fstate: (text, C2) a two-digit code for every **state**, Washington, D.C., and U.S. territories.

fcounty: (text, C3) a three-digit **county** code.

fsubdiv: (text, C5) a five-digit **subdivision** code.

fplace: (text, C5) a five-digit **place** code.

areaname: (text, C40) the survey **area's name** with respect to the FIPS code.

pop040190:   (numeric, I) the **population** of the area represented by the FIPS code on **April 01, 1990**.

pop070194:   (numeric, I) the **population** of the area represented by the FIPS code on **July 01, 1994**.

area_size: (text, C1) a one-letter code signifying the **category** of the area surveyed.

        L = large city, population greater than or equal to 25,000
        S = a small city, population between 2,500 and 24,999
        B = a suburban county
        R = a rural county

agency: (text, C80) the **name of the agency** returning the 1998 survey.

m_address: (text, C80) the **mailing address** of the agency returning the 1998 survey, which may not match the physical location of the building.

m_city: (text, C35) the **mailing city** of the agency returning the 1998 survey, which may not match the city name of the agency.

m_county: (text, C35) the **mailing county** of the agency returning the 1998 survey, which may not match the county name of the agency's location.

m_state: (text, C2) the **mailing state** of the agency returning the 1998 survey, which may not match the state of the agency's location.

zipcode: (text, C9) the U.S. **postal zipcode** for the agency, some are five digits and others nine digits.

form_cmnts: (text, C100) **comments about the form** entered by the data entry personnel. They might include text hand-written on the form, unusual answer responses, or anything else deemed important.

The Survey Data Variables

q1: (numeric, N1) were **active youth gangs present** during 1998.

    0 - unanswered.
    1- yes, active youth gangs were present during 1998.
    2 - no, active youth gangs were not present during 1998.
    3 - does not know the answer.

q2ag: (numeric, I) **number** of **active youth gangs**.

q2agdnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the number of active youth gangs.

    1 – does not know.

q3gm: (numeric, I) **number** of active **gang members**.

q3gmdnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the number of active gang members.

    1 – does not know.

q4amale: (numeric, I) **percent** of gang members reported in q3gm that are **male**.

q4afemale: (numeric, I) **percent** of gang members reported in q3gm that are **female**.

q4adnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the percentage of male/female gang members reported in q3gm

    1 = does not know

q4bmost_f: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gangs** reported in q2 that are **more than 50% female**.

q4bdnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the percentage of gangs reported in q2 that are more than 50% female.

1 = does not know

q5a15:   (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in q3gm that are **under the age of 15**.

q5a15_17:   (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in q3gm that are **between the ages of 15 and 17**, inclusive.

q5a18_24:   (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in q3gm that are **between the ages of 18 and 24**, inclusive.

q5a24:   (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in q3gm that are **over the age of 24**.

q5adnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the distribution of gang members by age reported in q3gm.

1 = does not know.

q5b: (numeric, N1) how much the responding jurisdiction's **gang problem** has been **affected** in the past few years **by** the **return of adult gang-involved inmates** from prison

1 = very much
2 = somewhat
3 = very little
4 = not at all
5 = do not know

q6african: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in g3m that are **African American/black**.

q6hispanic: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in g3m that are **Hispanic/Latino**.

q6caucas: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in g3m that are **Caucasian/white**.

q6asian: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in g3m that are **Asian**.

q6other: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gang members** reported in g3m that are of an **other race**.

q6other_id: (text, C25 [?]) other race specified.

q6adnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the distribution of gang members by race reported in q3gm.

　　　　　1 = does not know.

q6bmixed: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **gangs** reported in q2 that have a **significant mixture of two or more racial/ethnic groups**.

q6bdnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the percentage of gangs reported in q2 that have a significant mixture of two or more racial/ethnic groups.

　　　　　1 = does not know.

q7: (numeric, N1) **gang crime definition** most frequently used by the responding agency.

　　　　　1 = **member-based** (A crime in which a gang member(s) is either the perpetrator or the victim, regardless of the motive.)

　　　　　2 = **motive-based** (A crime committed by a gang member(s) in which the underlying reason is to further the interests and activities of the gang.)

　　　　　3 = **other** (an other definition.)

q7other: (text, C 256 [?]) other gang crime definition specified.

q8: (numeric, I) **number** of **Member-Based homicides** reported by the agency in 1998.

q8dnk: (numeric, N1) agency does not know the number of Member-Based homicides in 1998.

　　　　　1 – does not know

q9: (numeric, I) **number** of **Motive-Based homicides** reported by the agency in 1998.

q9dnk: (numeric, N1) agency does not know the number of Motive-Based homicides in 1998.

1 – does not know

q10: (numeric, N1) **how often** youth gang members used **firearms** in assaultive

crimes as reported by the responding agency for 1998.

1 – used often
2 – used sometimes
3 – used rarely
4 – not used
5 – does not know

q11aa: (numeric, N1) **proportion** of youth gang members engaged in **Aggravated Assault** offenses for 1998.

1 – None (0%)
2 – Few (1% to 25%)
3 – Some (26 to 74 %)
4 – Most/All (75% to 100%)

q11r: (numeric, N1) **proportion** of youth gang **members** engaged in **Robbery** offenses for 1998.

1 – None (0%)
2 – Few (1% to 25%)
3 – Some (26 to 74 %)
4 – Most/All (75% to 100%)

q11bbe: (numeric, N1) **proportion** of youth gang **members** engaged in **Burglary/Breaking and Entering** offenses for 1998.

1 – None (0%)
2 – Few (1% to 25%)
3 – Some (26 to 74 %)
4 – Most/All (75% to 100%)

q11mvt: (numeric, N1) **proportion** of youth gang **members** engaged in **Motor Vehicle Theft** offenses for 1998.

1 – None (0%)
2 – Few (1% to 25%)

3 – Some (26 to 74 %)
4 – Most/All (75% to 100%)

q11lt: (numeric, N1) **proportion** of youth gang **members** engaged in **Larceny/Theft** offenses for 1998.

1 – None (0%)
2 – Few (1% to 25%)
3 – Some (26 to 74 %)
4 – Most/All (75% to 100%)

q11ds: (numeric, N1) **proportion** of youth gang **members** engaged in **Drug Sales** offenses for 1998.

1 – None (0%)
2 – Few (1% to 25%)
3 – Some (26 to 74 %)
4 – Most/All (75% to 100%)

q12a: (numeric, N1) did agency participate in a formal **multiagency task force or collaborative effort** focusing on youth gang problems

1 – yes
2 – no
3 – does not know

q12b: (text, C256 [?]) name of task force or collaborative effort specified

q12c_____: (numeric, N1) entities that were part of task forces/collaborative efforts

1 = yes

q12c**ps** – other police or sheriff's department
q12c**cja** – other criminal justice agency
q12c**ge** – other government entity
q12c**s** - schools
q12c**ri** – religious institution
q12c**pssa** – private social service agency
q12c**cbcg** – community-based/citizens group
q12c**pc** – private corporation
q12c**o** – other entity

q12co_id: (text C256 [?]) other entity that was part of task forces/collaborative efforts, specified

q13: (numeric, I) **percentage** of gangs reported in q2 that are organized

specifically as **drug gangs**.

q13dnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the percentage of gangs reported in q2 that is organized specifically as drug gangs.

1 – does not know

q14a_____: (numeric, N1) **rankings**, 1st through 6th of the items listed below about the **elements of a "youth gang"** the responding agency feels are important

1 = first place ranking   2 = second place ranking
3 = third place ranking   4 = fourth place ranking
5 = fifth place ranking   6 = sixth place ranking

0 = did not answer or does not know

q14aname: the group has a name
q14aleader: the group has a leader or several leaders
q14ahang: the group hangs out together
q14acolor: the group displays or wears common colors or other insignia
q14acrime: the group commits crimes together
q14aturf: the group claims a turf or territory of some sort

q14b: (text, C100 [?]) **other elements of a "youth gang"** the responding agency

deemed as important.

q15: (numeric, I) **percentage** of **"youth gangs"** reported in q3ag who **meet** the **alternate definition** of youth gang:

"A group of youths or young adults in your jurisdiction whose involvement in illegal activities over months or years marks them in their own view and in the view of the community and police as different from most other youthful groups. Do not include motorcycle gangs, hate or ideology groups, prison gangs, or other exclusively adult gangs."

q15dnk: (numeric, N1) does not know the percentage of "youth gangs" reported in q3ag who meet the alternate definition of youth gang.

1 = does not know

q16:   (numeric, N1) Compared to 1997, was your gang problem in 1998 **better or worse**:

          1 = getting worse
          2 = getting better
          3 = staying about the same
          4 = do not know

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